

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Bill Harrison for his noble and outstanding service with First State Bank and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison is one such estimable person who served with integrity and probity for 47 years as an employee of First State Bank; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected citizen of Union City, Bill Harrison's impeccable career stemmed from his tremendous love for public service and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's determination to contribute to his community served as motivation to perform his duties in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison is the embodiment of acumen and diligence; after embarking on his professional journey with the First State Bank in 1955, he worked his way up through the ranks and recently retired as Vice President after a long and successful career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's professional involvement extends beyond the work place, as he is a dedicated member of the Tennessee Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison is an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Obion County Red Cross for 20 years, and the

Union City Parks and Recreation Board; he lends his support to the service of Union City in countless other capacities and is a shining example of committed public service and good citizenship to all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has also committed his valuable time and service to the Union City Jaycees, from whom he received the Distinguished Service Award and was named Outstanding Jaycee of the Year in 1959. He has devoted time to many other worthy organizations, including the Fulton Rotary Club, serving as President in 1970; the Union City Rotary Club, serving as President in 1976 and receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award; serving the Union City Chimes for Radio Appeal, delivering food baskets to those in need for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's love for young people influenced many of his community activities; and

WHEREAS, his strong desire to improve the lives of young people led him to organize the Union City Babe Ruth Baseball League and serve as coach, manager, and umpire for the Union City Little League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison also enjoyed a distinguished 15-year tenure as a member of the Union City Board of Education, and was honored by being named to the All-Tennessee School Board by the Tennessee School Board Association in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison displays his deep religious faith and conviction through his devout service to First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison, despite having a demanding profession, has provided a fine example of how to excel at a career and still remain devoted to family; and

WHEREAS, throughout his acclaimed career, Bill Harrison was fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Melba, who has now passed on to her great reward; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving and devoted father of five, Claudia Maness, Carmen Billingsley, Betsy Wilson, Pete Harrison and Bill Harrison; and the proud grandfather of Lacy Maness; Wade Maness; Clay Billingsley; Colby Billingsley; Andrew Wilson; Hannah Wilson; Noah Harrison; and Sophia Harrison; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable neighbor and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harrison is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Bill Harrison for his noble and outstanding service with First State Bank and to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.